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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES  
 MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

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1. (Currently Amended) A hollow ~~plastic~~ section, comprising:  
 a frame section made of plastic and defining a longitudinal axis, said frame section ~~and~~ having an interior subdivided in several inner chambers by a plurality of partition walls extending in a direction of the longitudinal axis; and a plurality of stiffening elements made of metal and received in the interior separate from one another, without interconnection, for forming some of the partition walls and for realizing a reinforcement of the frame section, wherein each of the stiffening elements has a rectangular cross section and is secured directly to the frame section.
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2. (Currently Amended) The hollow ~~plastic~~ section of claim 1, wherein the stiffening elements have a strip-shaped structure.

Claims 3 and 4 (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) The hollow ~~plastic~~ section of claim 4, wherein the stiffening elements have opposite longitudinal sides, wherein one member selected from the group consisting of the longitudinal sides and an area between the longitudinal sides includes means for effecting a positive fit.

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6. (Currently Amended) The hollow plastic section of claim 4, wherein the means for effecting a positive fit includes one of roughening, knurling, and punching of the member.

Claim 7 (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The hollow plastic section of claim 1, wherein the stiffening elements are made of metal and have a surface with high radiation reflection.
9. (Currently Amended) The hollow plastic section of claim 1, wherein the stiffening elements have a surface provided with a reflective coating.
10. (Currently Amended) The hollow plastic section of claim 1, wherein the stiffening elements are made of aluminum and are anodized.
11. (Currently Amended) The hollow plastic section of claim 1, wherein the stiffening elements have opposite longitudinal sides, wherein one member selected from the group consisting of the longitudinal sides and an area between the longitudinal sides includes punchings which are so configured that the stiffening element has a same cross sectional area upon application of any section in a direction transversely to the longitudinal axis of the frame section.

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12. (Currently Amended) The hollow plastic section of claim 11, wherein the punchings are outwardly open, wherein the punchings at one longitudinal edge of the stiffening elements are in offset disposition to the punchings at the other longitudinal edge, wherein a portion formed between neighboring punchings covers a same area as the punching.

13. (Currently Amended) The hollow plastic section of claim 1, wherein the frame section has exterior walls which form visible surfaces, wherein and further comprising at least two of the stiffening elements which oppose one another and are secured to inner surfaces of the exterior walls.

14. (Currently Amended) The hollow plastic section of claim 1, wherein the frame section has exterior walls which form visible surfaces, wherein and further comprising at least two of the stiffening elements which oppose one another and are embedded in the exterior walls.

Claims 15-17 (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) The hollow plastic section of claim 2, wherein the strip-shaped stiffening elements have lateral boundary planes which do not intersect any visible surfaces of the frame section.

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19. (Currently Amended) The hollow plastic section of claim 18, wherein the strip-shaped stiffening elements have a sufficient distance to the visible surfaces of the frame section, so that an end zone of the stiffening elements can be worked on with a tool, without damage to the visible surfaces of the frame section.
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20. (Currently Amended) The hollow plastic section of claim 1, wherein some of the stiffening elements extend vertically and some of the stiffening elements extend horizontally at a distance to the vertical stiffening elements.
21. (Currently Amended) The hollow plastic section of claim 20, wherein the horizontal stiffening elements are provided only in an area of a portion of the frame section.
22. (Currently Amended) The hollow plastic section of claim 1, wherein the frame section includes a receiving pocket receiving a loosely insertable attachment profile for a fitting.